## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5, 12-18, without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

19.    A sanitary napkin containing an effective amount of essential oil to provide an aroma and inhibit microbial growth.

20.    A sanitary napkin of claim 19, wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of rosemary oil, clove oil, ginger oil, turmeric oil, chamomile oil, lemon grass oil, thyme oil, achillea oil, thulasi oil, clary sage oil, cedar (hinoki) oil, and mixtures thereof.

21.    The sanitary napkin of Claim 20 wherein the essential oil is rosemary oil.

22.    The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein the amount of essential oil is from about 0.1 to about 8.0 weight percent.

23.    The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein essential oil is added to the sanitary napkin during its manufacture.

(Please amend claim 6 as follows:)

6.    The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein any one of the elements used in making the article is combined with essential oil prior to manufacturing the sanitary napkin.

(Please amend claim 7 as follows:)

7.    The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to adhere a plurality of elements making up the sanitary napkin.

(Please amend claim 8 as follows:)

8.    The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to attach the sanitary napkin to undergarments.

(Please amend claim 9 as follows:)

9.    The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to adhere the sanitary napkin directly to a user's body.

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(Please amend claim 10 as follows)

10.    A sanitary napkin contained with wrapping material, wherein the wrapping material contains ~~and~~ an effective amount of essential oil to provide an aroma and inhibit microbial growth.

(Please amend claim 11 as follows:)

11.    The sanitary napkin of Claim 10 wherein the amount of essential oil is from about 0.1 to about 8.0 weight percent.